

**What is claimed is:**

1. A storage system, comprising:

an external storage device, having storage data and storage operating data for operating said storage data therein;

5 a host computer being connected to said external storage device, on which an application is able to operate; and

10 a storage operating server, being connected to said external storage device and said host computer, and having a storage operating server program therein, for obtaining said storage operating data from said external storage device, wherein,

said application operates said storage operating data through said storage data server program.

15 2. A storage system, as defined in the claim 1, further comprising a switch for shutting off connection between said storage operating server and said external storage device, being provided in an interface for use in storage operation of said external storage device, to which said storage operating server is connected.

20 3. A storage system, as defined in the claim 1, wherein said storage operating server includes a WWW server program, so as to make possible operation of the storage operating data from a storage terminal which is connected to said storage operating server.

4. A storage system, comprising:

25 an external storage device, having storage data and storage operating data for operating said storage data therein; and

a storage operating server, being connected to said external storage device, and having a storage operating server program therein, for obtaining said storage operating data from said external storage device, wherein,

- 5           said storage operating server program enable a host computer connected to said external storage device to operate said storage operating data therefrom.

10           5. A storage system, as defined in the claim 4, further comprising a switch for shutting off connection between said storage operating server and said external storage device, being provided in an interface for use in storage operation of said external storage device, to which said storage operating server is connected.

15           6. A storage system, as defined in the claim 4, wherein said storage operating server includes a WWW server program, so as to make possible operation of the storage operating data from a storage terminal which is connected to said storage operating server.